



Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
Enterprise Resource Management (ERM)

Software & Hardware Agreements

Microsoft Vista, DOI is Looking Down the Road

DOI and its bureaus are starting to look at Microsoft Windows Vista, which was released on January 29, 2007. The DOI supported version of Vista will be MS Windows Vista Enterprise Edition, which is included in the DOI MS Enterprise Agreement. Except for testing in bureau controlled environments, Vista should not be used until formal testing and approval is complete. Purchased MS-platform computer systems must be capable of running Windows Vista but must default to Windows XP until Windows Vista has been approved. An OCIO Directive formalizing this policy will be released this month. If you have any questions, please contact your Bureau CTO.

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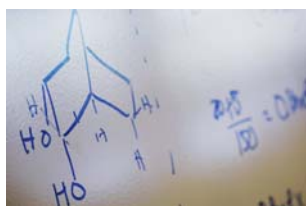
Newsletter Spotlight

- Microsoft Vista
- Merlin Agreement
- IT HAT Working Group

Merlin (Symantec) Option Year One is Complete

The Department of Interior (DOI), Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), Administrative and Business Division (ABD) has just initiated option year one of the Merlin Contract. Merlin Inc. is the contract vendor that the Department is using to obtain Symantec Anti-virus products. What are the benefits? The department gets larger discounts, standard products, and incorporating collaboration throughout the Department. The goal for the Enterprise Resource Manager is to consolidate the small Symantec Agreements that are not on the agreement. This could only be done with your help and assistance. If you have a Symantec Product agreement outside of the Merlin Contract, please contact Al Vega at (202) 513-0787.

Information Technology (IT) Hardware Acquisition Technology (HAT) Working Group Initiative



IT HAT Work Group is working on making IT hardware purchasing an easy task.

Did you know that the Department of Interior (DOI) has a Hardware Contract that provides the Department of Interior with cost saving, product standardization, and a purchase vehicle that is user friendly. The Information Technology Hardware Acquisition Technology (HAT) Working Group is responsible for ensuring that the contract is updated and comply with the DOI Technical Reference Model (TRM) as well as other important governmental regulatory items like the buy America act and the environmental mandates. The contract is a competitive awarded agreement, which is mandatory.